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| In re Application of: | Habecker et al. |) | Examiner: Unassigned |
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| Application No.: | 10/795,968 |) | Group Art Unit: Unassigned |
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For: HIGH CAPACITANCE NIOBIUM POWDERS AND ELECTROLYTIC CAPACITOR ANODES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 5, 2004

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application on the merits, applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.